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TAGS: EAID, LE

SUBJECT: U.S. DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR LEBANON

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT BEING ISSUED AT 12:00  
NOON MARCH 20 BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN: BEGIN TEXT:

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO RESPOND  
IMMEDIATELY TO THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON FOR  
ASSISTANCE IN DEALING WITH THE TRAGIC SITUATION OF THE  
PEOPLE DISPLACED BY THE FIGHTING IN LEBANON. THERE MAY BE  
MORE THAN 150,000 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FORCED TO FLEE  
THE FIGHTING. THEY ARE IN URGENT NEED OF SHELTER, BLANKETS,  
AND OTHER RELIEF SUPPLIES.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL  
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CONTRIBUTION TO ASSISTING THOSE IN NEED. AS A FIRST STEP  
WE ARE NOW MOVING TO SEND TENTS AND BLANKETS TO LEBANON  
BY AIR. WE ARE CONSULTING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON  
ABOUT ADDITIONAL NEEDS. MORE DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED ON  
THE EXACT NATURE OF U.S. ASSISTANCE AND ITS MAGNITUDE IN  
THE DAYS AHEAD. END TEXT. VANCE

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